

THE COPPER INDUSTRY IN MAINE

Hopes of Huge Profits Warm the Hearts of the "Down Easters."

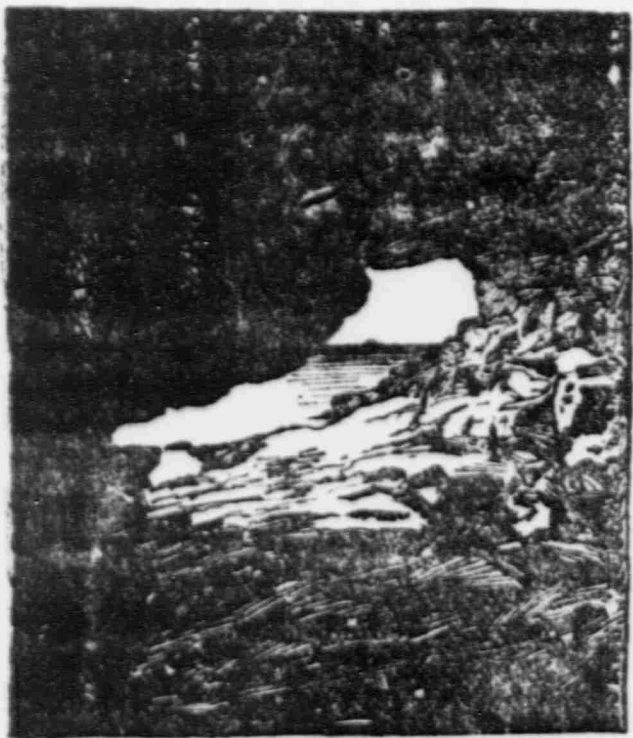
Special correspondence of The Florida Star.

BLUE HILL, Me., July 3.—After a lapse of years of idleness the time has come when the extensive copper mining interests centered in and about this town bid fair to resume their former importance in the eyes of the industrial world. Capitalists from Boston holding stock in the companies which originally developed the mines have been inspecting the abandoned properties, and from the tenor of certain statements which have been made the outlook for a resumption of work is bright.

This awakening in Maine copper mining circles has been caused by the continued evenness of the high price of the commodity which has existed during the last 18 months. Naturally the anticipated revival of trade has caused the people of this vicinity much satisfaction. Several of the prominent citizens are part owners or possessors of assigned holdings of certificates once issued by the companies, and the thoughts of finally obtaining an income from them has sent a thrill of expectancy and joy down the spinal cords of the "down easters," from the effects of which they will probably take a long time in recovering.

The existence of the Blue Hill mines is practically unknown to the majority of the people of this country. Those familiar with mining transactions and the numbers of recreation seekers who each summer frequent this picturesque locality realize full well the almost inexhaustible possibilities hidden inside the hungry looking mouths of the enormous shafts gaping upward at the sky. Even the children in the schools can remember the days when the streets of Blue Hill were crowded with the passing and repassing ore wagons. Huge steamers and capacious sailing vessels constantly traversed the deep waters of the Parker Point narrows laden to the bulwarks with the eagerly sought product of the surrounding ledges and mountains. Today all is changed. Following along the old road leading to the Castine ferry, past the quaint little Congregational church and the Blue Hill Inn, the somber echo haunted buildings adjoining Shaft No. 4 may be seen rising deserted and weather worn around the shores of Dun's lake.

Shaft No. 4 was one of the first of the mine or ten diggings in Blue Hill. Thou-



BLUE HILL MINING TUNNEL.

sands of tons of the verdigris tinged rock were hauled to the surface, machinery of the most improved and expensive description handled the output economically, but this enterprise succumbed to the sudden fall in the price of copper from 18 to 9 cents a pound and was compelled to shut down. Like a deserted city appears the spot that was once a veritable hive of industry. Smelting furnaces, ore crusher shelters, empty storehouses, windlass sheds and huge frame barracks stand sentrylike at the water side, their broken windows and crumbling chimneys bearing silent testimony to the frequent tussles with wind and rain.

From the northerly side of Dun's lake, extending several hundred feet south under the bed of the body of water, is a large tunnel. Sturdy timbers hold the sides and support the thin layer of earth and rock which intervenes between the excavation and the lake bottom. Aided by a Davy lamp or an oil soaked flare, for noxious gases are seldom met with in copper mines, this tunnel may be traversed to its full length.

In about its middle section the "Brimstone Bath" is encountered. The "Brimstone Bath" is a circular cavity occupying the left side of the shaft's otherwise solid flooring. Water slightly brackish and always warm to the touch fills the natural basin to the brim. Ill fares it with him who chances to make a misstep while skirting the "Bath." The sides are slimy and worn smooth by erosion. Escape unassisted is very difficult. The story is told that the pool received its name from an adventure which some years ago befell a young man from New York city, Herbert Y. Kline. Kline started one morning to explore the tunnel from end to end. At the edge of the pool he encountered a half starved wildcat. The feline sprang at him ferociously,

The Gothamite could not withstand the terrific onslaught, and both fell into the water. After a fierce struggle in the choking fluid Kline strangled the animal. He had barely strength enough left to move, but he managed to clamber to the side path and grope his way to the opening, where he was afterward found half dead from loss of blood by a passing farmer.

FREDERICK R. TOOMBS.

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HOW TO DRESS.

Lace and Cotton Used In Numerous and Varied Forms.

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NEW YORK, July 3.—Almost everything now is of lace or some kind of cotton goods made up and trimmed with lace, and the variety of garments they have evolved out of those two things is simply astonishing to the lay mind. Of all the cottons I think chambray is the best, in that much can be done with it in ways no other cotton can be used. By this I mean that chambray can be made to take the place among cottons that the best silk takes among the winter fabrics, and a chambray dress can be as elegantly made as one wishes, and it shows up as though of a far more costly fabric. Chambray this season has a portion of all over work on the same piece intended for the waist or sleeves or perhaps



CHAMBRAY DRESS.

panels or, in fact, anything the wearer fancies. Chambray is really one sort of gingham, but there is no check or figure, and the stuff is one solid color, and this is generally in a soft tone more than a decided color, though some of the dark reds and blues may be called colors. There are never any colors of threads used in chambray except those known to be absolutely fast, and in that way the number of colors are limited, but they are reliable, and that means much when one is looking for a summer dress that will stand any amount of hard use and always look new after washing. All of the lavins and other thin goods are good in their way, but they are not expected to outlast one season and that only by care. The prettiest chambray is the new gray which is achieved by weaving pale blue, black and white in equal quantities, and this is really lovely, and when there is a waist in the same color and shade, but in a pretty embroidered all over design, the effect is fine. There is a dark red with a cast of black through it, and that makes beautiful suits, and no one could ask prettier ones. Gray, blues from pale frosty sky to indigo mauve and reds mostly in the old madder shades are among these chambrays.

The beauty of these dresses consists in their being made as well and tastefully as the finer and more expensive goods. One of the daintiest ones was made with a plaited skirt, the plaits being laid in clusters and the waist in very close ones. Below the inner waist there was a novel blouse waist, and this was only to the bust line and ended in a band of butter colored lace, and this fastened with a flat bow of silk null in the same shade. The sleeves were long and trimmed around the bottom with a row of the same lace. Another, where the dress was of the same stuff, had the wide sailor collar of the openwork portion and the lower part of the sleeves also. Some have V shaped slashes in the skirt and these filled in with the openwork, with a little cluny lace as a finish.

Two new dresses are shown in one of the swellest places in New York, and they show the contrast very sharply with all the balance in favor of the simpler one. This was of organdie, with pale blue cornflowers on a ground of misty white. The skirt was laid in loose box plaits hanging from the waist, and the bodice was just a

gathered French one, but over this there was a bolero very short and edged with a full ruffle of Herre lace, and at the upper part there was a sailor collar, and this was also edged with the lace. The sleeves were long and had fancy cuffs made of the lace. The other dress I despair of being able to make any one understand, it was so complicated. I do not see any use of making a 16 cent muslin up in a manner to cost \$20 for lace to trim it with. Anyhow this particular gown had more yards of insertion and edging lace than I should like to guess at laid crosswise all over the skirt and around the flounce, and, not content with this, there were any number of fine lines of black velvet ribbon put on in long lines and the ends crossed. The velvet was of the narrowest width, and there were six lines at each place. The dress was of pale pink batiste, and incidentally I may add that it cost \$100. It was the amount of work that made it cost. The other was really the prettier of the two. If women only could make their own frocks, as they should, at least the summer ones, they could have all the pretty things they need, for the cost of the materials is a trifle compared to the made up garments.

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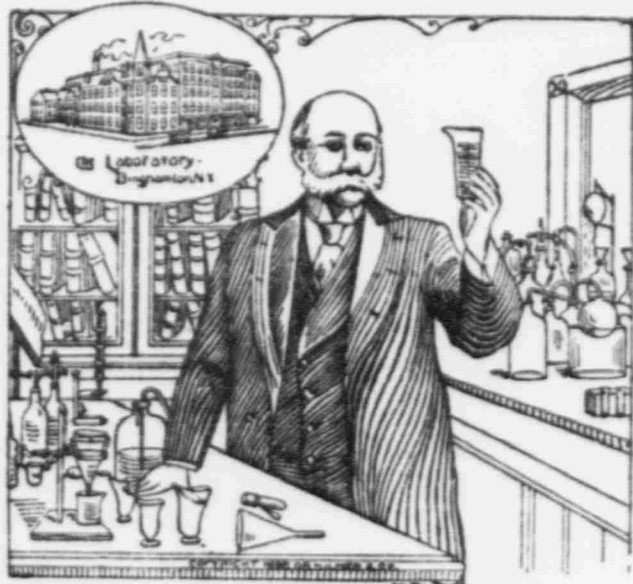
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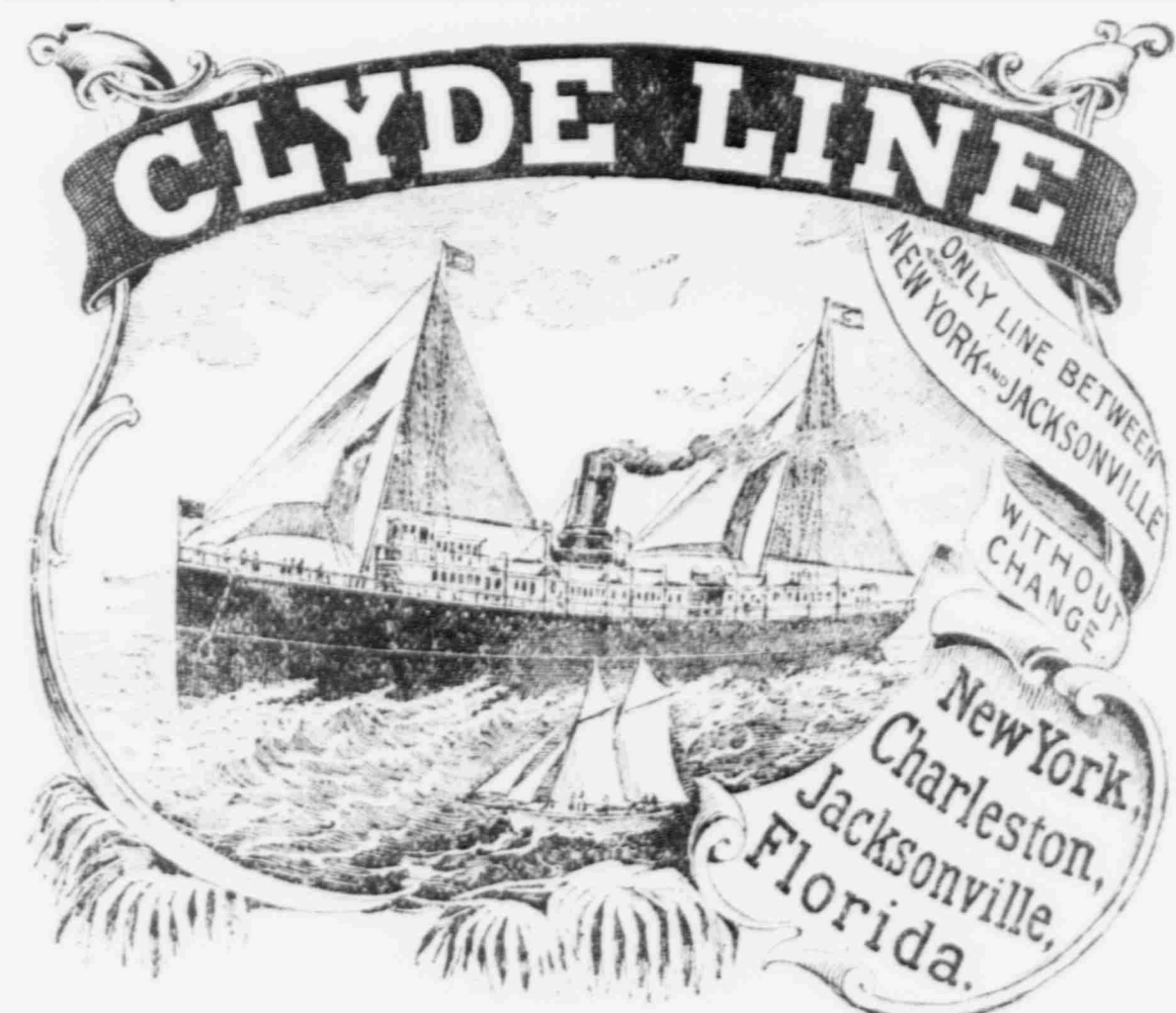
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